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SUBJECT: Requests that NRC deny OL to facility. Too much emphasis placed on possible earthquakes along Hasgri Fault & not enough concern on entire area of instability. Conditions create distinct possibility for formation of more volcanoes.

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Director  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I believe that in fighting the licensing of Diable Canyon Nuclear Power Plant in our backyard too much emphasis has been put on possible earthquakes along the Hosgri Fault and not enough on the entire area of instability. This a unique geological phenomenon in the world today and for millions of years.

The North American Plate is over-riding the so-called Mid-Pacific Rise though it is no longer in the middle of the pacific in this area because North America is moving faster than the Pacific is spreading. One theory is that, when this happened along the Mexican coast, Baja California split off from the mainland and that the same process will eventually break California west of the San Andreas Fault away from the mainland. This doesn't mean that it is going to fall into the ocean; it will be floating on a different plate. Needless to say this will not take place without tremendous forces being unleashed or absorbed.

Another theory says that Baja and western California were mini-continents on the Western Pacific Plate, which has disappeared in this area, and collided with North America. However, they haven't become permanently attached yet because the forces at work in the mantle which were pushing the two halves of the Pacific Plate apart are still at work. This will include mountain-building forces and the distinct possibility of the formation of more volcanoes.

Since no one knows what is going to happen and Mt. St. Helens should show us it can happen at any time, I implore you to deny this license as well as ones to any other nuclear plants on our west coast.

Sincerely,

*Connie Snapp*  
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